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SUBJECT: WAVE OF KIDNAPPING IN CORDOBA

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BETWEEN 10 AND 13 PEOPLE WERE KIDNAPPED IN CORDOBA IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS JANUARY 8. SEVERAL GROUPS OF 10 TO 20 PERSONS EACH, USING CARS WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES (AND IN SOME CASES CLAIMING TO BE POLICE) CARRIED OUT THE OPERATIONS. WHILE ACCOUNTS VARY, MOST OF THE ABDUCTIONS APPEAR TO BE THE WORK OF THE "LIBERATORS OF AMERICA COMMAND" (COMMANDO LIBERTADORES DE AMERICA) WHICH ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KIDNAP/SLAYING OF 9 STUDENTS IN CORDOBA LATE LAST YEAR (REFTEL). THEY REPORTEDLY LEFT COMMUNIQUEES AT THE SITES OF SOME OF YESTERDAY'S ABDUCTIONS.

2. THE MOTIVE FOR THE MULTIPLE KIDNAPPINGS IS NOT CLEAR. AND SO FAR NO BODIES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. LOCAL POLICE DENY THAT THEY HAVE ANY OF THE PEOPLE IN QUESTION IN CUSTODY.

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